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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1774**

Our Case No. 659/1682 (K-C 15442)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Topolkaraev et al.

Serial No.: 09/840,754

Filing Date: April 23, 2001

For BIODEGRADABLE FILMS HAVING
ENHANCED DUCTILITY AND
BREATHABILITY

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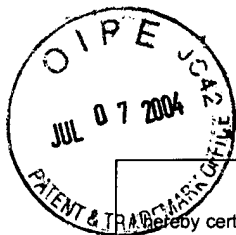
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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 30, 2004, please reconsider the application.



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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached are:

- ☒ Transmittal (in duplicate) and Response (6p).
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

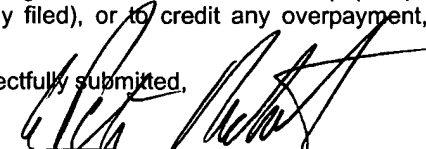
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Total		Minus			x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.		Minus			x 43=			x \$86=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
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Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

June 30, 2004
Date: June 30, 2004


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